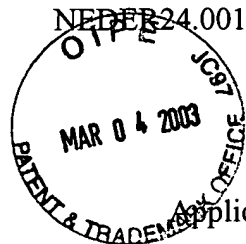


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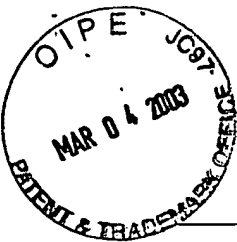
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In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to entry of the present amendment, Claims 8-15 are pending and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

By the present amendment, Claim 10 has been canceled and Claims 8, 13 and 15 are amended.



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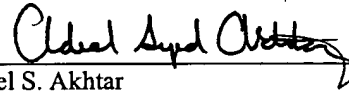
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